

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**J G MCCracken Junior High**  
**Spartanburg 7**  
**Grades: 7-9** **Enrollment: 822**  
**Principal: Margaret Peach**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Russell W. Booker**  
**Board Chair: Sharon D. Porter**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

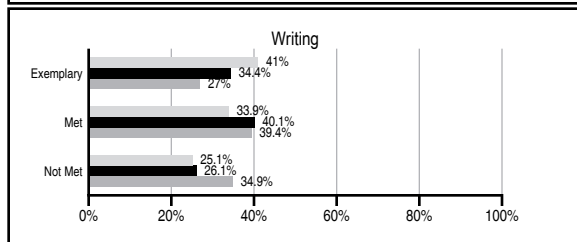
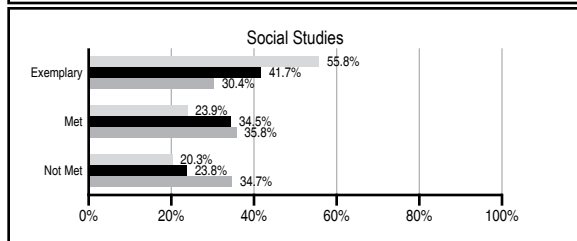
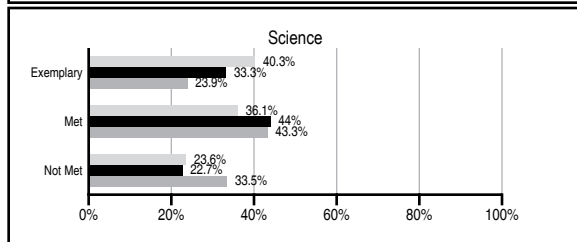
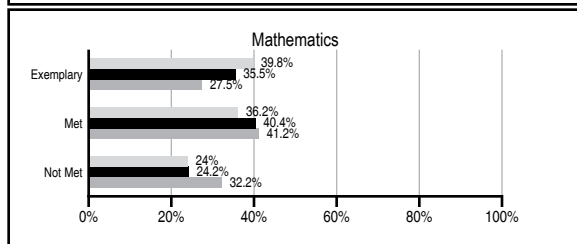
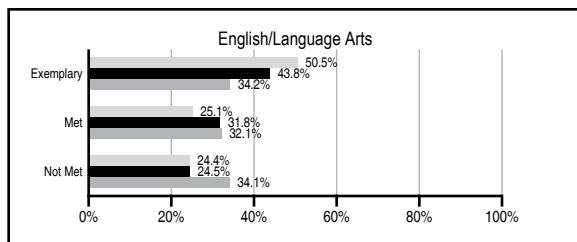
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
14	15	9	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

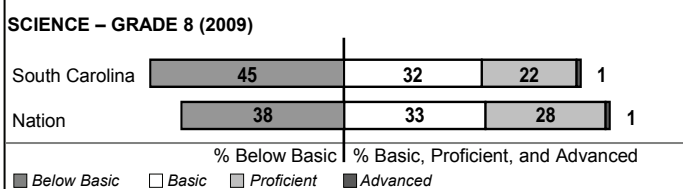
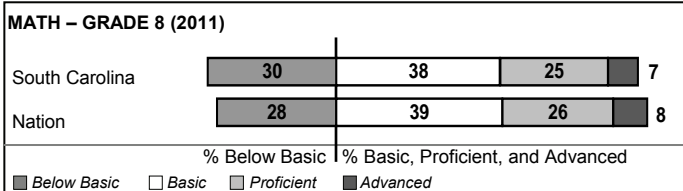
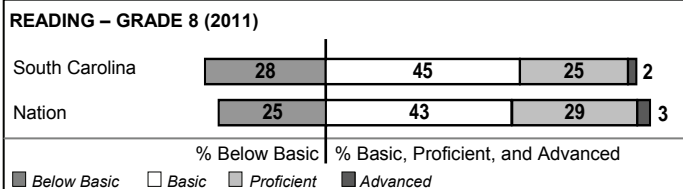
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	96.7	97.0
English 1	67.7	96.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	96.9	94.8
Physical Science	65.0	26.4
US History and the Constitution	100.0	100
All Subjects	77.2	96.2

## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=822)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	40.5%	Down from 44.5%	33.8%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 1.0%	0.4%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 96.0%	96.2%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	38.5%	Down from 40.8%	24.3%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 10.1%	8.2%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	2.3%	Up from 2.1%	0.9%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 5.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=60)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Up from 55.4%	60.9%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	86.7%	Up from 85.7%	83.7%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.8%	Down from 91.8%	88.4%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,470	Down 1.2%	\$47,285	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.8%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	9.4 days	Up from 6.5 days	9.9 days	9.9 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Up from 21.3 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Down from 90.6%	90.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.2%	Up from 93.5%	98.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Average	Up from Below Average	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,683	Down 10.1%	\$6,969	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.6%	Down from 68.9%	65.3%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.8%	Up from 66.3%	63.8%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	81.0%	Down from 90.5%	84.8%	80.5%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	66	243	151
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	67.5%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9%	72.0%	74.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.2%	82.4%	77.5%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2010-2011 school year proved to be another great year at McCracken. Our dedicated staff has maintained their focus on crafting success for every student in the areas of academics, arts, athletics and many activities. Our goal each day is to provide a positive and nurturing learning environment which builds on our rich tradition of success for every child.

District, state and national academic recognitions continued for McCracken. Our Battle of the Brains team reached the Elite 8 in competition this year, which is a fantastic accomplishment. Students excelled in national exams for French and Latin. Our 7th and 8th grade Wordmaster teams ranked among the top ten teams nationally. Students participating in our PSAT program continued to do well this year. This year the student with the highest math score in the county was a McCracken student. Our student council visited Monticello, Philadelphia and New York for a tour of the history of our nation's government. Our drama and fine arts department performed the Broadway musical, "Once On This Island," performed for community groups, and many of our students performed in the district wide musical, "Hairspray." McCracken's Band, Orchestra and Chorus departments made a clean sweep of awards this year with all Superior Ratings at the state level. Our Chorus finished an unprecedented fourth in the state. Our athletic teams garnered quite a few awards in our new conference. Our 8th grade football team were the conference champions and the boys basketball team was first runner up. Both the boys and girls were pre-season tournament champions. Our wrestling team had three players which competed at the state level and did well. We also managed to have some fun this year with our 9th Grade Dance, 8th Grade Fun Day, Field Day, School Dances, Clubs, Service Learning Events, and many assemblies all of which allow our students to shine. In all areas McCracken coaches, teachers, and students lead the way with their tremendous accomplishments and outstanding character.

PASS testing challenges were met this year as the result of hard work from our teachers and students and the unending support of our parents. Our dynamic teachers utilized data from PASS testing, grade level benchmarks, and many classroom assessments to design lessons which provided for differentiated instruction, high expectations for learning, and a culture of promoting student growth. We began the implementation of the district writing plan and used this as a springboard to promote writing across the curriculum.

Our PTSO and SIC continue to provide support for our faculty, parents, and students. Our PTSO built on their tradition teacher grants for projects, Friends Of McCracken initiatives, and lots of special faculty events making us all feel so appreciated. The SIC began a Parent Information Series of lectures with plans to expand in the upcoming year to a lunch hour learning series.

With all of these great things happening it is easy to see why, "You can't hide that Eagle Pride!"

Margaret Peach, Principal  
Wanda Greenfield, SIC Chair

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